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Federal Communications Commission
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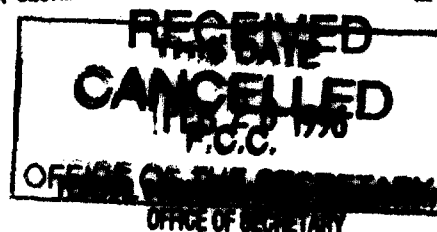
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January 6, 1996

Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW,
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Dear Mr. Hundt:



During the last 50 years our Great Society has degenerated.

Most of us have become so intense on SELF; getting as much money and power as possible, at the expense of anyone who may be in the way, that we have generations ignorant of the meaning of respect, compassion and responsibility.

It's quite popular to verbalize about "Old Values" and "Family Values". But there are even many members of our Government (men who should stand with honor) who push them aside for their own pleasures and gain.

If you allow the T.V. stations to phase out the current free transmission system as planned, the millions and millions of poor to average, hard working Americans (the Backbone Public) who carry the load, will be the hardest hit. It will only be a temporary inconvenience for the wealthy.

Why would you approve such a scheme for Big Business and the rich to get richer at the cost of the average public unless there is a pay off or profit for you??

When will you stand up for the Public Interest as you promised?

DO IT NOW!

If you have read my letter, I sincerely thank you.

As part of the Proud American Public, I can only wait and see how the powerful plan to use me.

*Mr. & Mrs. D. Skinner
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July 31, 1995

Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

Your presentation to the National Press Club, as shown on C-Span was very heartening to me, a lifetime educator. There are too few voices being raised in the '90s as advocates for the needs and interests of children.

I'm enclosing some correspondence showing that a collaborative effort by the McCreary County School System, the University of Kentucky Community College branch here, and the local Pine Knot Job Corps to secure radio and television broadcast potential, which emphasizes service to children, perhaps anticipated some of the purpose of your speech.

The Job Corps recently received a change in regulations which enables them to offer courses and training to local residents. We plan on all three of our education units offering class work in various aspects of radio/television, then more advanced preparation becoming available in the new communications center being constructed in Somerset.

Our public school system is initiating the endeavor, as we have available space for studios, etc., and a commitment on tower space. Since our community is part of an "Enterprise Community," would it be allowable for someone at the FCC to "take us under their wing," and see that we're doing things right and not missing helpful resources?

The persons involved with this effort are some of the same ones who worked to secure the Community College Center here, then successfully applied for the E.C. status. We see the radio/television project as having much applicability to educational and personal development needs of not only children, but the total spectrum of our residents --- particularly in advancing computer use and appropriate connections with the Internet and the WWW.

The issue of "News and Notes" is to give you a sense of people and interests in McCreary County. We are hoping that our use of the airwaves would be personalized to our area, in the same sense. You mentioned something in the Press Club speech about broadcasters in each community developing a contract to serve kids in their community. The Community College branch, Job Corps, and School System agreed on call letters WSTC, standing for "We serve the children," indicating a ready acceptance of your idea.

None of us have done this before. Things like "windows," etc. are new to us and the whole process a little bewildering. But the end purpose is definitely service-oriented and too worthwhile to not pursue every possibility in trying to bring it to pass. Please consider our situation, our motivation and purpose, and, hopefully, see us as one small part of the direction you're hoping to see the FCC pursue.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Gatton
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Center/GED
Boy Scouts of America
Countywide
Christian Appalachia
Project
Clothing Distribution
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Diagnostic Testing
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Dyslexic Reader
Program
Family Resource
Center
Football grades 3-4
Countywide
Grants Writing
Resource Room
Head Start - N. County
Health Education
Program
Hearing Impaired
Program
Home Demonstration/
4-H
Homebound Instruction
Program
Kindergarten
Development
Program
Maintenance Services
all schools
Nutrition Information
Program
Office of Supervisor
Parent Involvement
Program Ch.I
Public Relations
Program
School Nurse/
Health Coordinator
Technology
Coordination Office
U.K. Extension
Services/Community
Development
WSTC Radio and
Television Project
Youth Services
Center

ENCLOSURES AND PURPOSE OF EACH

Rural Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities

Sentences and/or paragraphs taken nearly verbatim (references to Empowerment Zones were deleted, for example, since we became an Enterprise Community) to indicate some of the possibilities in relationships between McCreary County and governmental agencies.

Kentucky 2001 --- Kentuckians shaping Kentucky for the 21st Century

Statements and information from the 10 county, regional area development district's most recent (June, 1995) plan which relate most directly to McCreary County and indicate a pervasive poverty which, even within an economically deprived region, is striking in its severity.

A Strategic Plan for Social and Economic Development

Statements, mostly verbatim, which indicate that McCreary County has been involved in a comprehensive study of needs. Those problems, objectives, and strategies relating to education --- particularly to areas where radio/television could make positive contributions --- are emphasized.

Copy of Letter to Save the Children Federation

February was before we had discussed with the Job Corps and College what has become our mutually agree on motto of "We Serve The Children." WSTC. I understand that the low-power broadcast technically has a numerical identification, but that the above may be used, otherwise. Our school board is majority women and the administrators of two of the three organizations in this project are women --- they are particularly comfortable with the idea of a "child-safe" station and channel.

"News and Notes"

As mentioned in the letter, this paper, which goes to every mailbox in the county, may give you more understanding of our locality.

RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES -----

A Synopsis of the Federal Register Vol. 59, No. 11 January 18, 1994

All communities which complete the process will be strengthened by it; gaining by taking stock of their assets and problems, by creating a vision of a better future, and by structuring a plan for achieving their vision.

Communities with innovative visions for change will be considered for requested waivers of Federal program regulations, flexible use of existing program funds, and cooperation in meeting essential mandates.

The Federal Government will focus special attention on working cooperatively with designated Enterprise Communities to overcome regulatory impediments, to permit flexible use of existing Federal funds, and to assist these Communities in meeting essential mandates.

A key principle is to nurture sustainable community development, and to advance the creation of livable and vibrant communities through comprehensive approaches that coordinate economic, physical, environmental, community and human development.

The Act is intended to encourage Federal agencies to utilize innovative administrative procedures in dealing with individuals, small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental bodies that would otherwise be unnecessarily adversely affected by Federal regulations. To the extent that this rule affects those entities, its purpose is to reduce any disproportionate burden by providing for the waiver of regulations and by affording other incentives directed toward a positive economic impact.

The purpose of this rule is to provide a cooperative atmosphere between the Federal government and local governments, and to reduce any regulatory burden imposed by the Federal government that impedes their ability to solve pressing economic, social, and physical problems in their communities.

The effectiveness of the plan will be determined (in part by) the extent to which schools, non-profit organizations, local governments and families will work cooperatively to provide all individuals with the fundamental skills and knowledge they need to become active participants and contributors to their community, and to succeed in an increasingly competitive global economy.

The effectiveness of the plan will be determined (in part by) the extent to which it reflects a projection for the community's revitalization which links economic, human, physical, community development and other activities in a mutually reinforcing, synergistic way to achieve ultimate goals.

A SYNOPSIS OF MATERIALS RELATING TO
McCREARY COUNTY, KENTUCKY in

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**REGIONAL STRATEGIES AND OVERALL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1995 - 2020**

Prepared by LAKE CUMBERLAND AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
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William R. Parson, Jr., Executive Director
June, 1995

The essential finding of the 1995 Update of the LCADD'S "KENTUCKY 2001 Plan" 206-page report is that "the regional economic development strategy must resolve community livability factors as well as political and organizational matters in order for implementation to occur." Poverty, as such, can be associated with inadequate job opportunities, inadequate job training, and perhaps inadequate psychological preparation and self-discipline among workers entering the workplace. All of these factors are adversely influenced by a substandard technological job base and a scarcity of well-paying jobs.

The findings seem to support: (1) an increased need for technology-type training centers(s) as suggested by the 1993 "Kentucky 2001 Plan", and (2) the need for greater attention to housing, child-care, school-based counseling, family resources, supervised recreation, and other youth-oriented programs.

The overall income analyses portray problems that have grown significantly worse in Albany, Burkesville, Greensburg, Liberty, **Pine Knot, Stearns, and Whitley City**. Between 1980 and 1990, significant increases in the rate of poverty occurred in Albany, Burkesville, Ferguson, Greensburg, Liberty, **Pine Knot, and Stearns**. Minor increases in the poverty rate occurred in Campbellsville, Monticello, Russell Springs, and **Whitley City**.

Unemployment and the overall economic situation in the **Whitley City - Stearns - Pine Knot** area clearly shows a significant and unacceptable level of economic distress for all three of the McCreary County CDP's. (Addendum, not in the LCADD report: Census Designated Place: McCreary County is Kentucky's only county with no incorporated towns or cities.)

Communities with an unemployment rate higher than ten percent in 1990 included, *in descending order*: **Pine Knot, Stearns, Whitley City**, Burkesville, Monticello, and Albany. A worsening situation is apparent in Albany, Burkesville, Greensburg, Liberty, and **Whitley City**, and *significant distress from longstanding socio-economic problems* remains in **Stearns, Pine Knot, Monticello, and Eubank**. The worst conditions occur in Albany, Burkesville, and the **Whitley City - Stearns - Pine Knot** area.

If these convergent trends are not reversed, the region may experience a decrease in its potential for economic development, and a high degree of federal-state governmental intervention will be the only recourse. This is not likely with ongoing federal belt-tightening and will mean a long future dry spell. Truly, something needs to give. Meeting the needs and challenges posed will require greater coordination, more planning, more public input, and more expense. None of these activities will be facilitated by anticipated federal programmatic cuts.

An ample body of evidence shows that cities which are focal points of poverty, crime, outmigration and decreasing revenues sometimes become consumed by their own problems, introverted, and unable to function as a driving force for economic development. Not only do some (if not most) impoverished cities fail to renew themselves, physically, they fail to generate the economic forces which bring on new jobs and services and new opportunities for their children.

This occurs because of the distractions that are inherently encountered in dealing with the urgent daily needs of an impoverished people. The findings of Harry Caudill and others, essentially, is that poverty breeds poverty; that impoverished peoples cannot easily take on the values needed for success in life because of the daily necessity of making ends meet.

The point of this is not to contend that a horrific future lies ahead, but to contend that there is a very real chance that the future holds possibilities which are undesirable, and that strategies must be developed to head them off. It is a plain and simple fact that the attraction of "hightech" jobs will require new resources. A basic problem uncovered in this study is that many if not most of the area's cities may not be in a position to fulfill such needs.

	1990 Housing Mean Value		Housing Mean Rent		
PINE KNOT	35,600		181		
STEARNS	33,969		207		
WHITLEY CITY	31,238		176		
BURNSIDE	66,868		353		
1990 Census Figures:	Median Household Income	Median Family Income	Persons>25 % High Sch. Graduates	Persons>25 % College Graduates	1990 Percent Poverty
PINE KNOT	9,054	11,746	40.6	7.4	49.39
STEARNS	12,044	13,986	49.2	9.6	29.87
WHITLEY CITY	9,284	11,760	46.5	8.6	35.92
BURNSIDE	21,591	26,518	63.8	15.6	12.09

(Addendum, not in the LCADD report: Burnside, the nearest town to McCreary County in the **ten-county** Lake Cumberland Area Development District, is included by way of comparison. The LCADD is a large segment of the Kentucky U.S. Congressional District Five, frequently identified as the most poverty-stricken district in the United States. Within that impoverished district, McCreary County is often identified as at or near the bottom in various socio-economic indices.) [Summarized by Dr. Robert Gatton]

A SYNOPSIS OF MATERIALS in
**A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The SMART Community
McCreary County, KY
Scott County, TN
1994

Scott/McCreary Area Revitalization Team (SMART) is an alliance of McCreary and Scott County residents united to improve the quality of life within the SMART area through the development and implementation of a comprehensive strategic plan. The formation of SMART is one more step in this area's willingness to seek out problems and provide solutions to help ourselves achieve a higher quality of life.

Vision Statement

SMART, a coalition of progressive Appalachian Mountain Communities, is dedicated to increasing the area's economic well-being, improving the quality of life, and protecting our natural scenic beauty. SMART promotes the creation of a viable, sustainable economy that capitalizes on improved educational, cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities for the area's citizens. SMART'S VISION encourages the wisest, most effective, and innovative use of the area's human, cultural, economic, and natural resources.

The SMART area is situated in a rugged and scenic physiographic region known as the Cumberland Plateau. Although some of the area's landscape along a north-south axis is more easily developed, the territory on either side is largely forested and comprised of rugged terrain. The eastern portion of SMART contains the Appalachian Mountains and the western part contains the Big South Fork Cumberland River Gorge. These Geographic features have traditionally contributed to the physical isolation of the SMART area.

The SMART area has traditionally lagged behind Kentucky, Tennessee, and the United States in educational attainment. *In 1990, 50.8 percent of the area's population 25 years and older had not graduated from high school* compared to 35.4 percent for Kentucky, 32.9 percent for Tennessee, and 22.4 percent for the United States. Also, just 4.3 percent of the area's residents 25 years and older had graduated from college in 1990. This was more than five times lower than the national rate of 21.3.

Income levels for the SMART area have been consistently lower than those of the respective states and the nation. In 1979, McCREARY and Scott Counties' per capita income levels were only 41.2 and 55.2 percent of the national average. The 1990 Census statistics indicate that thirty-eight percent of SMART area families were still living below the poverty level.

The SMART steering committee developed a systematic procedure for obtaining broad public input into the strategic plan. The committee developed a "Community Needs Assessment Survey Form: which allowed residents to rank the importance of eleven community factors, address aspects of the community they like and dislike, and ways in which the dislikes could be changed. This survey served as the basis for identifying community problems, barriers, and determination ways in which the

problems could be resolved. Planning committees, consisting of interested residents with varied concerns, were established for each category. The planning committee members helped facilitate public meetings and later were instrumental in the development of goals, objectives, and strategies.

Chapter VI **EDUCATION / ARTS STRATEGIES**

Problem 1. Many SMART area residents lack the knowledge and skills necessary to obtain good jobs because they do not understand the value of a good education and they do not pursue advanced degrees or specialized training.

Objective 1. To encourage SMART area residents to complete high school and pursue specialized training or advanced degrees in order to have marketable job skills as measured by increasing the percentage of residents with a high school education or higher from 44.3 percent in 1990 to 60 percent by the year 2000.

Strategy 1. To establish the EDUSMART Committee to oversee and implement programs and projects pertaining to the area's educational needs.

Strategy 8. To make adult continuing education programs more accessible by offering courses in the more remote parts of the SMART area.

Problem 2. The retention, expansion, and start up of businesses and industries in the SMART area is often hindered by a shortage of properly educated and trained workers.

Objective 2. To provide educational facilities, equipment, and curriculums that will meet the needs of businesses and industries in the SMART area.

Strategy 4. To establish an "Education/Economic Advisory Council" (EEAC) to evaluate curriculums and make recommendations to the appropriate education board or authority regarding the integration of education and business needs.

Strategy 7. To establish comprehensive faculty and staff development programs in computer technology.

Problem 3. Many educational and social programs are hindered because current educational facilities are under-utilized.

Objective 3. To fully utilize all existing public educational facilities and resources.

Strategy 3. To provide classes, tutoring, and adult education courses after regular school hours, on weekends, and during summers utilizing retired persons whenever possible.

Problem 4 SMART area residents lack exposure to a variety of artistic and cultural works because of the lack of appropriate facilities and programs.

Objective 4. To facilitate the cultural and artistic growth of SMART area residents through the establishment of a comprehensive cultural arts program.

Strategy 1. To construct a "Cultural Arts Center" containing an exhibition gallery, demonstration space, theater/recital hall, retail space, and teaching studios.

Strategy 3. To utilize the Cultural Arts Center to educate SMART area residents in all facets of the arts through the development of education partnerships with the local school districts and prominent local and regional artists.

SMART proposes to utilize the services of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to establish baseline statistical data for the SMART area in the first year of designation. Each year thereafter, TVA will reassess the SMART Area statistical data to measure performance and track implementation of the program in accordance with the strategic plan. [Summarized by RLG]



McCreary County School System

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Mr. Charles Wesley, Director
Save the Children Federation
Berea, Kentucky

Prepared for fax transmission
February 24, 1995
Fax # 606-376-5584

Dear Mr. Wesley:

We would appreciate your consideration of the following project: A public radio station, to be administered by the McCreary County School System and co-managed by the local Job Corps base and the McCreary Center, local branch unit of Somerset Community College.

Motives and Purposes:

Provide training and experience for high school juniors and seniors who could follow up as students at either the Job Corps or McCreary Center, then continue at the new Communications Center being constructed in Somerset or at some other training center, leading to a professional career in radio broadcasting.

Promote more positive image about schools and education to our people. Their schools simply *having and operating* a radio station would be a contributor to this --- somewhat as an operating unit of the state community college system being here has had a positive impact on our students and community.

Permit students to plan and prepare news or entertainment segments to which family, friends, and neighbors could be an appreciative audience. Our experience with students' pleasure upon seeing their name or picture in the school system's "News and Notes" let's us know that this would be motivational.

We do have room for such a facility. We have a commitment on tower transmitter space. And we have an excellent source for transmission equipment. As a cooperative venture of the school system, Job Corps, and Community College, we will have the staffing resources for successful operation. However, none of us presently have the resources to gear into the project. This would entail:

Signal Search	—	\$1,500 to \$5,000
FCC legal costs	—	\$5,000 to \$10,000

These are obviously wide ranges, but our source states that the ease or difficulty which possibly may be experienced varies so widely that this is the realistic range to anticipate.

I have discussed with Superintendent Nelson the idea of using WSTC as call letters. This underlines the emphasis on student use, involvement, and orientation in the operation. It is not, incidentally, something in any way conditional to this request.

If anything, it is, as already stated, official expression of our desire to accomodate the needs and interests of our youngsters. At the same time it would be, however, a recognition of the repeated help Save the Children has been to McCreary County schools and McCreary County youngsters. Should the "W" not be required, we would like to go to HSTC --- Help Save the Children, with your organization's permission.

With thanks and best regards,

Robert Gatton, P.R. Officer, McCreary County Schools

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Dear Mr. Reed,

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The president of the Larimer County Association for Family and Community Education (FCE) advised presidents of individual FCE clubs that commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission are accepting responses to improve television for children.

Television is as good as the programming. While there is debate about what's "good", programming should be educational and informative for children. How many hours a week and at what times? Common sense would dictate daily, informative programs sometime between 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., the hours most children would be awake.

Educators may be required to determine what programs are beneficial for children. However, all of us know raw sex, profanity, assaults, ludeness, etc. should be banned from children's television. Adults will change channels when programs are indecent. However, children will gape, "learn" fast, and be exposed to unacceptable behavior, language, and acts.

It would be extremely helpful to have TV programs identified for educational viewing in advance or at the beginning of a program. Parents want to direct their children's attention to "child proof" television.

Please speak for parents who support Family Choice - TV! Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Marlene Gerlach

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President, Golden Sunset

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Dear Chairperson:

Your position as Chairperson of the Federal Communications Commission is of vital importance to the children of our nation. It is my sincere hope that as you work on the guidelines for the Children's Television Act you will have the best interest of our children foremost in your heart.

The influence television has on our children is incredible. Children believe what they hear on television before they believe their parents or teachers. Now television portrays countless acts of violence, the sensationalism of deviant behavior on talk shows, and adult sitcoms that do nothing to enrich the minds of children.

Please take a stand against this type of unhealthy programming. With your power you can create peaceful situations. You can portray the good in people and help educate our children to become successful adults. I want to encourage you to take a bold stand against programming that does not nurture the minds of our children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

We read in the newspaper about the possible conversion to digital transmission for television signals. We are 100% against such a change. We are glad to see that you asked whether the audience "wants to go on this journey." Apparently, the television stations don't have enough sense to ask that question. We don't know how anyone can think that the American public would welcome a change which renders their current equipment obsolete.

As for the cost of the new television sets, we cannot afford and therefore would never buy a television set for over \$1000. As for the size, there is no place in our house that we could put a 35" set.

Also, it may not be illegal, but it is unethical to plan such a move and yet to continue selling the current televisions and accessories.

If the television stations think their audience is shrinking now, just wait until the cost of watching TV goes up and see what happens. The average American household is not as rich as the TV station owners and cannot afford such a move. As the letters from our children indicate, television is a luxury, not a necessity; reading and going to the movies are viable options.

Sincerely,

David Anton

Carolyn Anton

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

We can't afford a 35-inch TV! We don't have room. We don't have the money. We won't buy one because it costs too much!!! We will read all the time because we don't want your TV! We won't buy it! The TV industry won't get any money from us.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

We do want to buy one of your new TV's. I will give you two good reasons:

1. it costs too much
2. it is too big.

My parents bought a new VCR for Christmas, and it works with the old TV.

Sincerely,

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